# Current & Future Capabilities of the Commercial Weather Services Association (CWSA)

Commercial Weather Service Information Services &

Capabilities for Surface Transportation Decision Support WIST Symposium - Panel 2

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### **CWSA Members**

- 39 Commercial Weather Companies
- Those serving Surface Transportation include-

Accuweather

DTN Kavouras Inc.

Litton-WSI

Unisys

Weather Data Inc

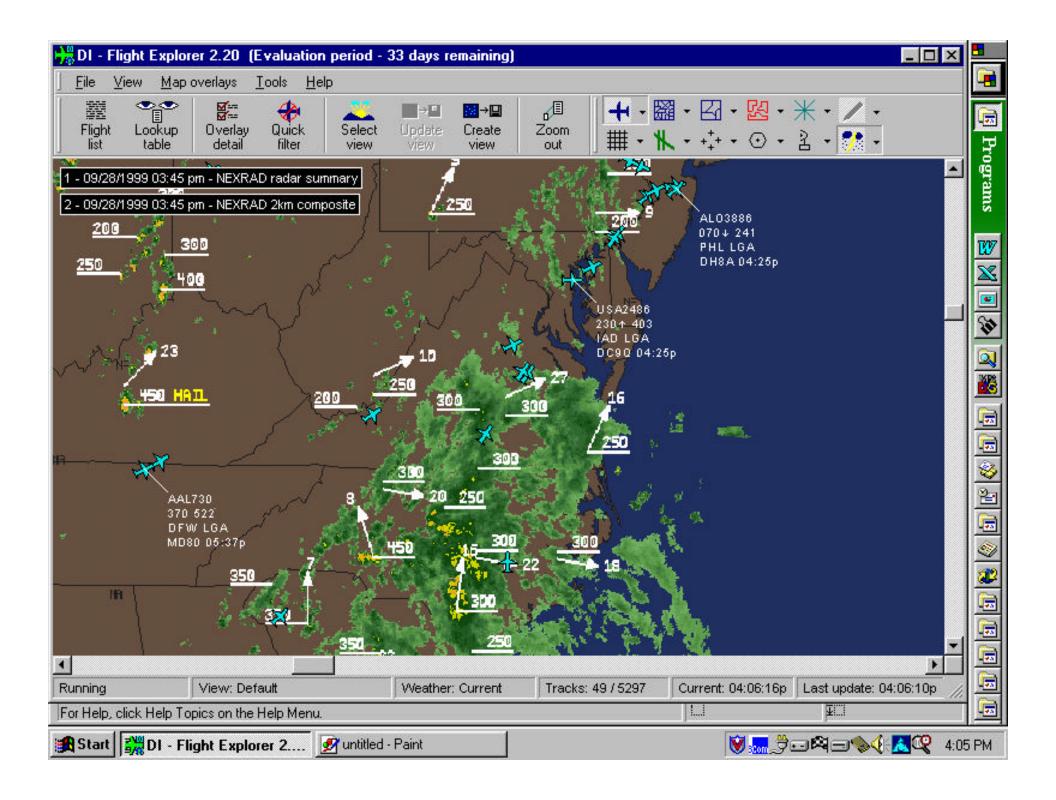
#### Markets Served

- Trucking Firms
- Railroads
- Pipelines
- State, County and Local Highway Departments
- State RWIS programs
  - Highway Information Kiosks
- Maintenance and Operations
- Police and Emergency Management

#### Services

- Full suite of weather data including:
  - Customized current and forecast weather maps, charts, reports
  - Highway conditions reports
     Satellite Cloud Coverage & Radar data
     Weather watches and warnings
- Training
- Consulting





#### Services

Collection, processing and dissemination of third party sensor information-

"Kavouras has the capability to access road weather data collection platforms, e.g. pavement sensors, analyze this data, and create value added products and transmit it back to the DoT's for operational decision support purposes."

## Delivery Systems

- Weather paging systems
- Weather workstations and display systems
- Communications systems, including
- Internet access
- Direct Satellite data feeds
  - Dial-up access
- Software packages for weather display and analysis



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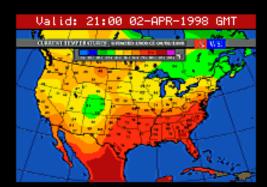














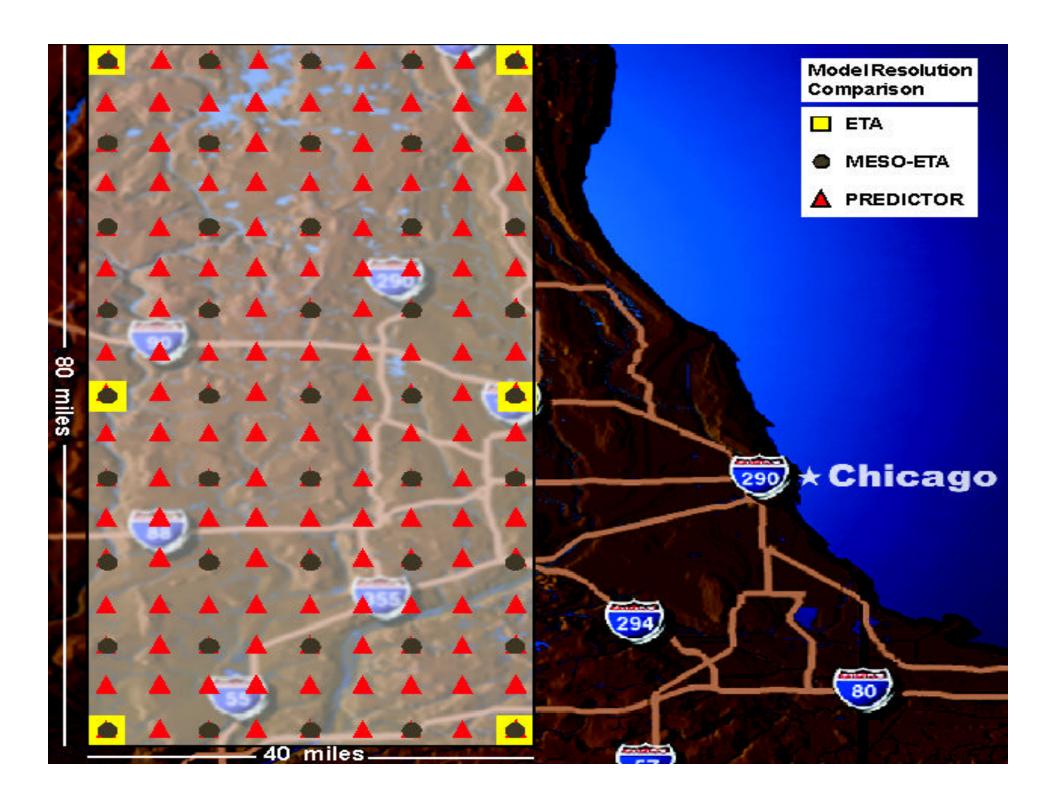
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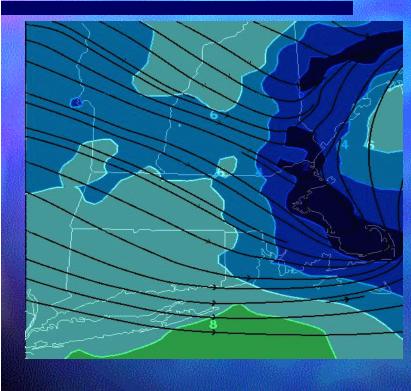
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#### New Services

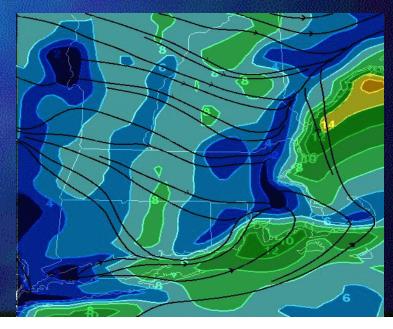
- Local, Local Numerical Weather Prediction Forecasting Capabilities
- Better Visualizations
- Improved Data Fusion Techniques



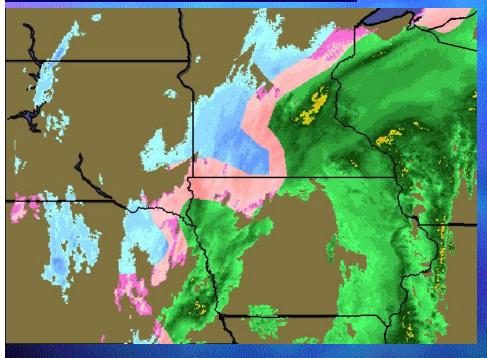




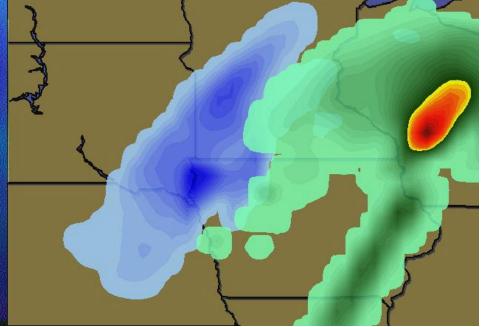
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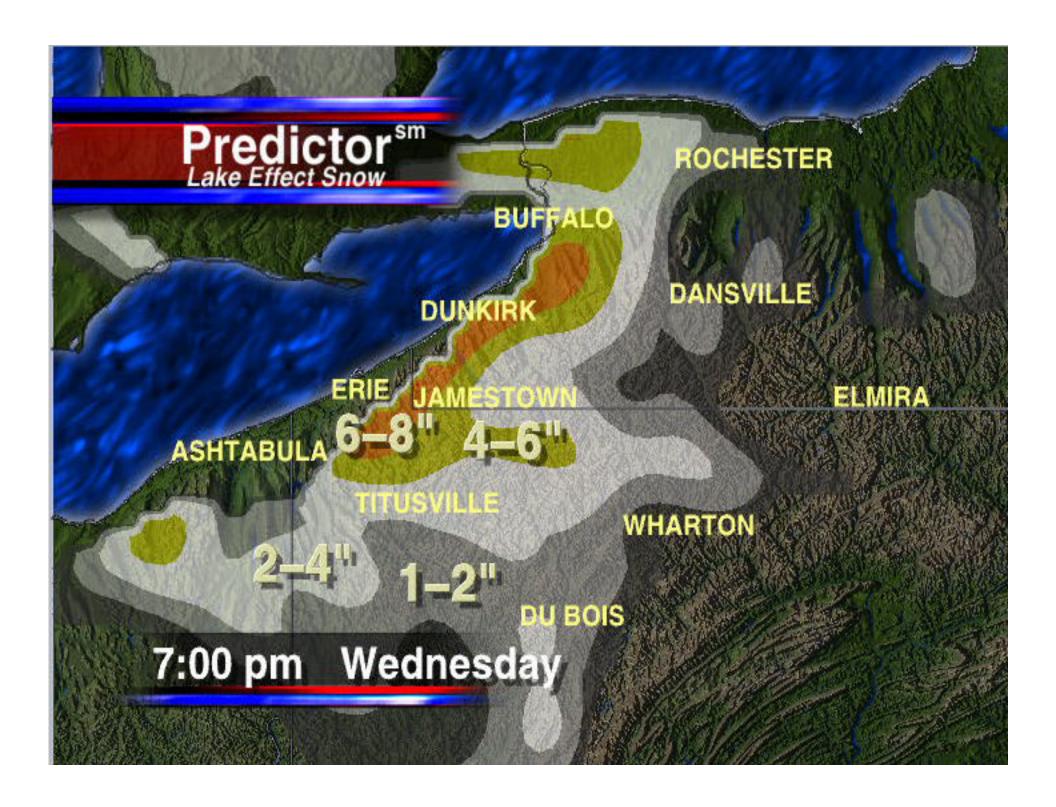


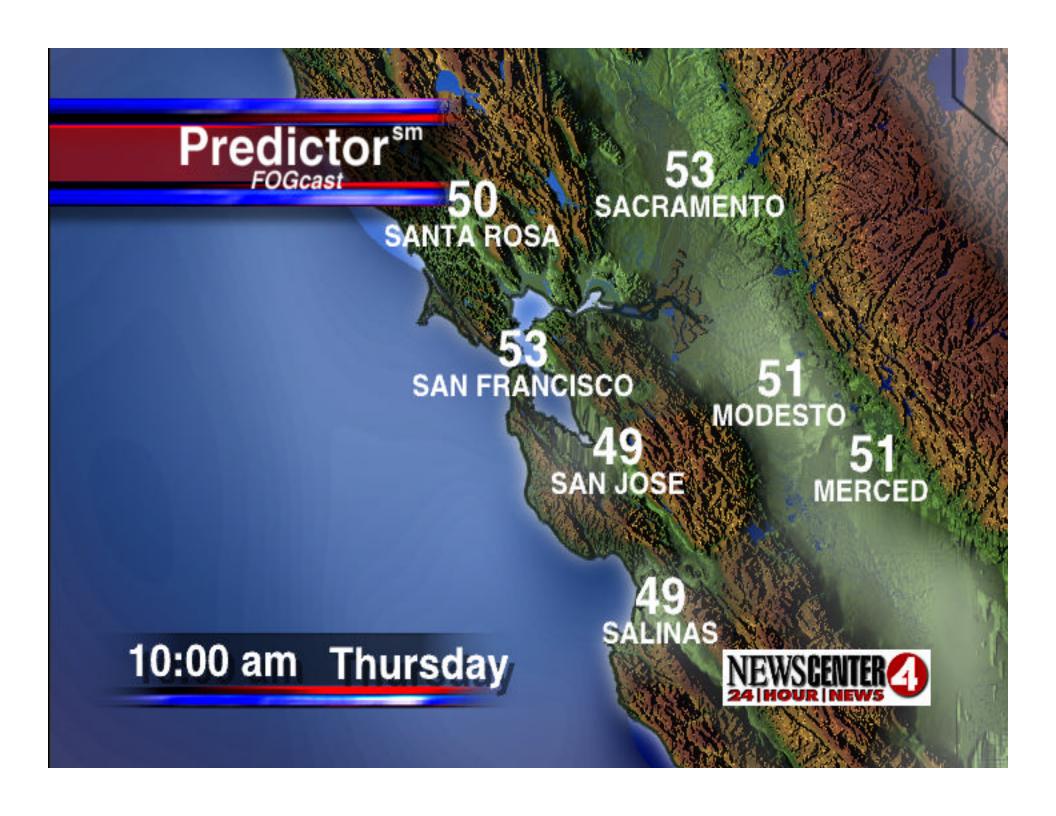


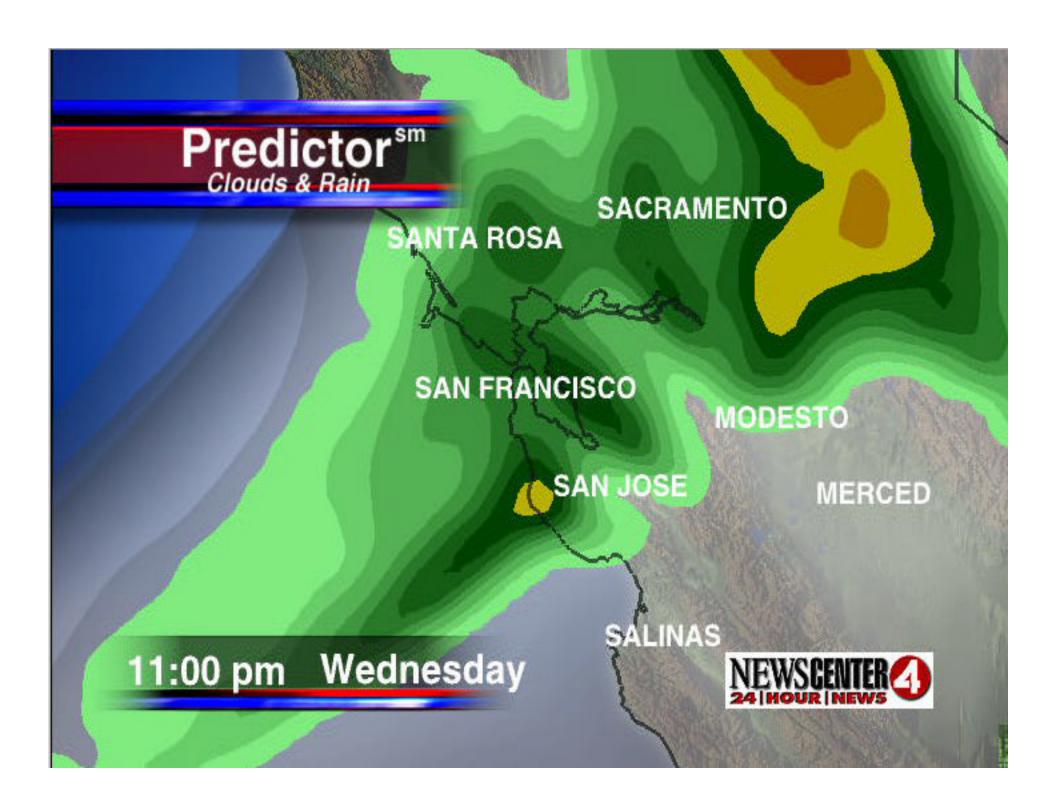


Actual NOWrad Winter Storm Mosaic 12 hr Predictor Forecast











## Summary

- Surface Transportation will benefit from technology's impact on numerical weather prediction, analysis tools and dissemination methodologies.
- CWSA members are leaders in providing the most technically advanced solutions at the most affordable prices---and are prepared to meet these needs.